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SUBJ: PROPOSED PUBLIC AFFAIRS ENGAGEMENTS FOR AMB SULLIVAN

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1. GREATLY APPRECIATE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR MY PARTICIPATION
IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS EVENTS IN EARLY MARCH. GENERAL SCHEDULE AS
OUTLINED APPEARS SATISFACTORY. DETAILED COMMENTS FOLLOW.

2. DO NOT REPEAT NOT CONSIDER IT PRUDENT TO ACCEPT MARIN COUNTRY
WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT EVENING MARCH 1. THERE WILL
INEVITABLY BE LOOSE ENDS RESULTING FROM US-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION
MEETING WHICH WILL ENCUMBER ME IN WASHINGTON MOST OF MARCH 1.
THEREFORE, I BELIEVE EARLIEST UNDERTAKING SHOULD BE SAN FRANCISCO
MARCH 2. THEREE EVENTS PROPOSED THAT DAY APPEAR SATISFACTORY.

3. PROGRAMS FOR LOS ANGELES MARCH 3 AND FORHOUSTON MARCH 6
ARE SATISFACTORY. PRESS CONFERENCE AT HOTEL WULD APPEAR MORE
FEASIBLE DURING WORKDAY MONDAY, MARCH 6 RATHER THAN UPON MY
ARRIVAL EVENING SUNDAY, MARCH 5. I HAVE NO BURNING DESIRE FOR
LUNCHEON WITH IRANIAN CONSUL GENERAL, AND WOULD PREFER
AVOID FORMAL LUNCH ARRANGEMENT.

4. ADDITIONAL MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS, SUCH AS EDITORIAL BACK-
GROUNDERS, ARE ACCEPTABLE, BUT CARE SOULD BE TAKEN TO
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AVOID OVERLY CONGESTED SCHEDULE, AS WELL AS OVER-EXPOSURE.

5. TRAVEL SXHEDULE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE. MARCH 1 FROM
WASHINGTON TO SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD BE EVENING FLIGHT
(CLUSTER OF PLANES LEAVE IN 5 TO 5:45 PM TIME FRAME).
IN VIEW EVENING ENGAGEMENT SAN FRANCISCO MARCH 2, THERE
IS QUESTION WHETHER EVENING FLIGHT TO LOS ANGELES IS FEASIBLE.

EITHER LATE NIGHT OR EARLY MORNING FLIGHT SEEMS INDICATED. LOS ANGELES-HOUSTON AND HOUSTON-WASHINGTON TIMES SEEM SATISFACTORY.

6. AS FAR AS HOTELS AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION ARE CONCERNED, THEY WOULD APPEAR TO DEPEND TO SOME EXTENT ON ARRANGEMENTS WITH SPONSORS. IF I AM TO BE MET BY SPONSORS WITH VEHICLES AT ALL PORTS OF CALL, THIS WOULD MAKE LIFE EASIER. IF SPONSORS ARE PICKING UP HOTEL TABS, I LEAVE CHOICES TO THEM. IN SAN FRANCISCO, I NORMALLY USE THE DOWNTOWN OR THE AIRPORT HYATT. IN LOS ANGELES, I USUALLY USE THE CENTURY PLAZA. IN HOUSTON, I WILL TAKE THE CUT-RATE SUITE IF SPONSORS PREFER. OTHERWISE, I CAN USUALLY FIT INTO NORMAL HOTEL ROOM.

7. GIVEN INEVITABLE IRANIAN STUDENT REACTION TO EVENTS INVOLVING ESTABLISHMENT ASSOCIATIONS WITH IRAN, I TRUST SY AND SPONSORS ARE ALERTED TO POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS, DISRUPTIONS, ETC. THEY USUALLY GET MOST OF THE TV COVERAGE.
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